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HOUSE BILL 718

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID SERVICES; CREATING A FUND TO SERVE PERSONS
ON WAITING LISTS FOR MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAMS; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. MEDICAID WAIVER SERVICES FUND--DISTRIBUTION.--

A. The "medicaid waiver services fund" is created
in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of
appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and bequests made to
the fund. Money in the fund shall not revert or be transferred
to any other fund at the end of a fiscal year. Money in the
fund is appropriated to the human services department for the
purposes of making distributions pursuant to Subsections B and
C of this section. Expenditures from the fund shall be made on
warrant of the secretary of finance and administration on

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1 vouchers signed by the secretary of human services.

2 B. To the extent money in the medicaid waiver
3 services fund is available for such purposes, distributions
4 from the fund shall be made to the department of health to
5 serve persons with developmental disabilities who are on a
6 waiting list to receive services through the medicaid
7 developmental disabilities waiver; provided that:

8 (1) ten million five hundred thousand dollars
9 (\$10,500,000) shall be distributed in fiscal year 2007 to serve
10 persons who will be receiving services for the first time
11 during that fiscal year;

12 (2) eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) shall
13 be distributed in fiscal year 2008 to serve persons who will be
14 receiving services for the first time during that fiscal year;

15 (3) eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) shall
16 be distributed in fiscal year 2009 to serve persons who will be
17 receiving services for the first time during that fiscal year;
18 and

19 (4) an amount equal to sixty-five percent of
20 the money remaining in the fund shall be distributed in fiscal
21 year 2010 to serve persons who will be receiving services for
22 the first time during that fiscal year.

23 C. To the extent money in the medicaid waiver
24 services fund is available for such purposes, distributions
25 from the fund shall be made to the aging and long-term services

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1 department to serve disabled and elderly persons who are on a
2 waiting list to receive services through the medicaid disabled
3 and elderly waiver; provided that:

4 (1) three million five hundred thousand
5 dollars (\$3,500,000) shall be distributed in fiscal year 2007
6 to serve persons who will be receiving services for the first
7 time during that fiscal year;

8 (2) four million dollars (\$4,000,000) shall be
9 distributed in fiscal year 2008 to serve persons who will be
10 receiving services for the first time during that fiscal year;

11 (3) four million dollars (\$4,000,000) shall be
12 distributed in fiscal year 2009 to serve persons who will be
13 receiving services for the first time during that fiscal year;
14 and

15 (4) an amount equal to thirty-five percent of
16 the money remaining in the fund shall be distributed in fiscal
17 year 2010 to serve persons who will be receiving services for
18 the first time during that fiscal year.

19 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Fifty-nine million dollars
20 (\$59,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
21 medicaid waiver services fund for expenditure in fiscal year
22 2007 and subsequent fiscal years for the purpose of making
23 distributions pursuant to Section 1 of this act. Unexpended or
24 unencumbered balances shall not revert at the end of a fiscal
25 year.

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